to retire. National flags of some countries were also burnt by a faction.

The Government take a serious view of such provocative and anti-national activities. According to the State Government a case has been registered by the Police.

Executive Engineers/Assistant Engineers of MCD placed in the category of "Workman"

3032. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been placed in the category Workman;

(b) if so, what is the rule under which they have been placed in that category;

(c) whether any compensation is being given to them for attending the duties on Saturdays;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for Municipal Corporation of Delhi to come out with an order that Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers have to attend office on Saturdays; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The field staff of Engineering Department, Conservancy and Drainage Department, Fire and Horticulture Department of the MCD are following six-days-a-week schedule. Therefore, the question of compensation to any category in these departments does not arise.

Shahdara Court, Delhi

3033. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shahdara Court in Delhi is housed in a very dilapidated building which is insufficient for nine Judges and Magistrates to hold courts there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the litigants, lawyers and judges are very much inconvenienced due to the lack of proper building for Shahdara Court resulting in piling up of a great number of cases in the Court;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Shadara Court Lawyers' Association has been agitating for a proper court building for the last so many years;

(d) whether Government had promised in 1985 to build a building at Kaikarduma for Shahdara Court and the same has not yet come out as a result of which there is great resentment amongst the lawyers and litigants in Shahdara; and

(e) by when Government proposes to provide a suitable building for Shahdara Court in trans-Yamuna area itself?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the shortage of accommodation in Shahdara Court.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) A sum of Rs. 8.48 crores has been sanctioned for the construction of court building during seventh plan period and the work is in progress.

Negotiations with Punjab extremists

3034. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Navbharat Times of 7th July, 1989